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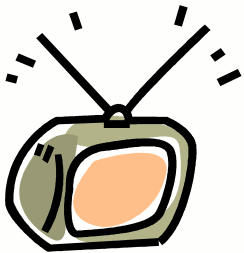
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### Outdoor Family Aquatic Park Naming Contest

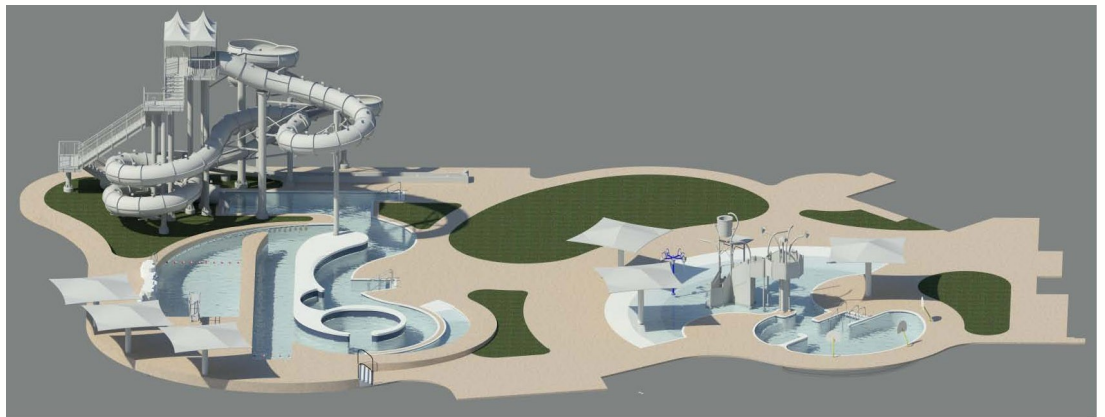
The City of Brighton is seeking the perfect name for its new Outdoor Family Aquatic Park to be constructed at 1852 E. Bromley Lane by July 2011.

The deadline for entries for the "Name the Aquatic Park" contest is Sept. 30, 2010 and there is no limit to how many entries a person can submit.

**Entries can be submitted** by filling out the form on the city's website ([www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)), by visiting the Parks and Recreation office, by emailing [dse-cord@brightonco.gov](mailto:dse-cord@brightonco.gov) with "Aquatic Park Name Contest" in the subject line, by fax to 303-655-2131 or by mailing to the Parks & Recreation office at 1901 E. Bridge Street, Brighton, CO 80601.

Top five names suggested will be requested to complete a Park Naming Petition according to the City's Naming Policy which can be found on the city's website. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council will then choose the winning name.

The winner will be chosen at the City Council meeting on Dec. 7, 2010.



*Outdoor Family Aquatic Park Concept*

### Newsletter Naming Contest WINNER!!

The winner is..... Carla Sanchez, with the winning name "The Brighton Connection."

Look for the new name to debut in the November/December issue. As the winner, Carla has won a gift card of her choice to a restaurant or retail outlet in Brighton.

Thank you to everyone that submitted names for the contest!

Visit our Web Site  
[www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)

CITY COUNCIL  
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Dick McLean	303-655-2266
Wayne Scott	303-655-2267
Terry Moore	303-655-2261
Chris Maslanik	303-655-2265
Cynthia Martinez	303-655-2264
Rex Bell	303-655-2268
Rob Farina	303-655-2263
Wilma Rose	303-655-2269
Daryl Meyers	303-655-2260

## Meeting Information

The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall 3rd floor.

City Council Study Sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Room at City Hall, 3rd floor.

City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave.

All Regular Brighton City Council meetings and Study Sessions are open to the public. Residents and other interested parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings and require special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations, please notify the City Manager's Office at 303-655-2043.

As school is back in session, we wonder how fast the summer went. We thank all of you that were able to attend our Ward BBQ's. We were able to meet so many of you and hear your questions and concerns. We were also able to share with you information about projects that are going on citywide and specifically in your neighborhoods. City departments, 27J School District, the Chamber, the Brighton Economic Development Corporation, the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, the Brighton Housing Authority, the heART of Brighton, the Boys and Girls Club, the Greater Brighton Fire Protection District, the Anythink Library, the Armory, the Youth Commission and the Historic Commission had display tables set up and also shared information with you about what they are doing in the community.

City staff and elected officials work hard everyday to be sure that Brighton continues to be a great place to live, work and play. Some of the exciting things happening around the city that we shared at the BBQ's include:

- ◆ Brighton Economic Development Corporation currently has 76 prospects for new businesses in Brighton, with about 20% being restaurants. This is great news for our economy.
- ◆ Vestas Wind Systems began making Nacelles for their Wind Turbines this past Spring. As of July, it's estimated there are 300 employees on-site. Currently they are working on adding 28,000 square feet to create a large blade factory. Vestas is continuing to look at expansion opportunities at the Brighton site.
- ◆ Adams County will move into their new facility, Adams County Crossing, by early next year. This will make room for the City offices to move into the current Adams County Building, therefore creating a new City Hall. The current Historic City Hall will remain City property and continue to be occupied by City and County organizations. More details will be shared on this in future newsletters.
- ◆ Capital Projects will begin without increasing taxes. These projects include: the new City Hall, Campbell Park renovation, Outdoor Family Aquatic Park, Adult Recreation Center, and the purchase of 92 acres of Open Space at 27<sup>th</sup> and Bridge.

We thank you again for choosing Brighton as your home and making it such a great place to live, work and play.

## City Council Members



Terry Moore  
Ward 1



Chris Maslanik  
Ward 1



Dick McLean  
Mayor



Rex Bell  
Ward 2



Cynthia Martinez  
Ward 2



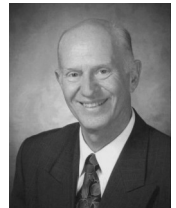
Rob Farina  
Ward 3



Wayne Scott  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Ward 3



Wilma Rose  
Ward 4



Daryl Meyers  
Ward 4

# Brighton begins utilizing water from Thornton

Beginning July 1, the City of Brighton began utilizing water from the city of Thornton's water distribution system. The City signed a water lease for 2.0 Mgd of treated water from Westminster to be delivered at 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Zuni in January 2009. The challenge was to construct a pipeline through Thornton to deliver the water to Brighton within a very short construction timeline. After considerable engineering review and preliminary design, an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the Cities was negotiated and signed in August 2009. The IGA provided for the injection of the Westminster water at 85<sup>th</sup> and Zuni, and the delivery of treated water to Brighton at 128<sup>th</sup> and Riverdale Road.

The Thornton system uses chloramines as the primary disinfectant to keep its water distribution system free of disease-causing bacteria. Currently the City of Brighton utilizes chlorine. Both treated water supplies are safe for drinking, cooking, and bathing, and meet or exceed all State and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines protecting water quality.

## Special care needed for the following water customers only:

### Kidney Dialysis Patients

- ◆ Because water used in hemodialysis essentially comes in direct contact with the patient's blood, both chlorine and chloramines must be removed prior to use in dialysis.
- ◆ Dialysis units may need to slightly alter their water purification to ensure chloramine removal.
- ◆ Dialysis units in the city have been notified of the water conversion.
- ◆ Home dialysis patients should contact their medical service provider for more information.
- ◆ While chloramines can cause health problems for patients if not removed prior to use in dialysis, chloraminated water is safe for kidney dialysis patients to drink, cook with, and bath in unless they have a compromised immune system or other medical condition that requires them to avoid drinking tap water.
- ◆ Ask your doctor if you have any questions about the conversion to chloramines and your specific treatment.

### Those who own aquatic pets

- ◆ Both chlorine and chloramines can be toxic to fish and should be removed prior to introduction of potable water into a fish tank.
- ◆ Boiling water or letting water sit for a few days will remove chlorine from water but will NOT remove chloramines.
- ◆ Chloramine-specific water conditioners are available for aquatic pet owners at pet stores, and activated carbon filters will remove both chlorine and chloramines.
- ◆ Contact your vet or local pet store for their recommendations

### Those who operate select industrial processes that require purified water

- ◆ Contact the City of Brighton Utilities Department with specific questions.

### About chloramines:

- ◆ Water treated with chloramines is completely safe to drink.
- ◆ The EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) have accepted chloramine treatment as an acceptable disinfectant method for distribution systems.
- ◆ Denver, Thornton, Westminster and Aurora are just a few examples of cities that utilize chloramines as their system disinfectant .

Due to various levels of water usage throughout the city, some neighborhoods may have noticed this change as soon as the introduction of the new water took place, while other neighborhoods may not notice a difference for several months.

For more information, contact Dave Anderson, City of Brighton Utilities Department at 303-655-2102.

**Outdoor Warning  
Sirens are tested  
the first Wednesday of every  
month  
at 11 a.m.**

**Use the City's  
One-Stop Shop  
for Walk-In  
Water Payment**

**Extended Hours  
7:30 am—5:30 pm  
Or  
Pay Online  
[www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)**

**Report Potholes  
[www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)  
and click on  
"Action Center"  
or  
call 303-655-2087**

## Give us a Call

City Hall	655-2000
Recreation Ctr.	655-2200
Senior Ctr.	655-2075
Police Dept.	655-2300
Animal Control	655-2091
Economic Dev.	655-2155
Water Billing	655-2009
Public Works	655-2034
Parks & Rec.	655-2049
Planning	655-2059
Bldg. Permits	655-2016
Municipal Court	655-2064
Water & Sewer	655-2082
Water/Sewer Emergency	655-2070
Hall of Justice	659-1161
Ad. Co. Adm.	659-2120
Brighton Chamber	659-0223
Adams Co. Sheriff	654-1850
Adams Co. Library	659-2572

**Graffiti Hotline**  
303-655-2097

**Water & Sewer  
Emergency**  
303-655-2070

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY  
911

POLICE ADMINISTRATION  
303-655-2300

COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES  
303-655-2365

ANIMAL CONTROL  
303-655-2091

VICTIM SERVICES  
303-655-2308

ADAMS COUNTY  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
303-412-8121

COMMUNITY REACH  
CENTER  
(COUNSELING SERVICES)  
303-853-3600

PLATTE VALLEY  
MEDICAL CENTER  
303-498-1600

As we all know, there are pros and cons to everything in life. This is the same for each species of tree. Before you purchase trees, it's crucial to understand what you are buying and the consequences associated with each species.

Many people purchase plants and trees based on impulse without understanding the characteristics of each species. In most cases, only the benefits are explained when purchasing trees. Following is a list of the most common trees found in Brighton and the pros and cons associated with each species.

#### **Autumn Purple Ash** *Fraxinus americana*

Pros: A fairly fast growing tree with excellent fall color.

Cons: Highly prone to Ash/Lilac Borer attacks. Trees need to be sprayed with preventative insecticide at least once a year to prevent this from occurring. Most Autumn Purple Ash will not survive reoccurring attacks unless sprayed. Not as drought tolerant as Green Ash species.

#### **Green Ash** *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*

Pros: A great shade tree and drought tolerant

Cons: Susceptible to Ash/Lilac Borer, requires constant pruning, and is heavily over-planted in Colorado. If Emerald Ash Borer ever reaches Colorado, millions of Ash trees would be at risk and Brighton would lose at least 20% of its tree canopy as a result (we need more diversity.) Prone to aphids.

#### **Autumn Blaze Maple** *Acer freemanii*

Pros: Excellent fall color and attractive white bark.

Cons: Highly prone to iron chlorosis\* grows very fast, and prone to storm breakage. Large surface roots.

#### **Aspen** *Populus tremuloides*

Pros: Great fall color, beautiful white bark, a beloved mountain native.

Cons: Short lived. When planted in lower elevations (such as Brighton) Aspens are more susceptible to insects and diseases. Can sucker profusely. Prone to Cytospora canker fungus.

#### **Cottonwood species**

Pros: Many people like hybrid cottonwoods because they grow fast.

Cons: They grow fast, highly prone to branch failure. Giant surface roots. Some species can sucker profusely. Most hybrid cottonwoods are short-lived, only 20-30 years. Highly prone to Cytospora canker fungus. If a female tree is allowed to grow, it can be very problematic with cotton production that can cause problems for air conditioners, allergies and can readily re-seed more saplings.

#### **Red Oak** *Quercus rubra*

Pros: Slow growing, strong branching. Red-fall color.

Cons: Highly prone to iron chlorosis\*

#### **Willow species**

Pros: Many people like the fast growing nature of this tree.

Cons: Fast grower, highly susceptible to breakage. Often grows much larger and faster than most people realize. Prone to aphids.

#### **Hackberry** *Celtis occidentalis*

Pros: Great shade tree, very drought tolerant.

Cons: Hard to establish when young. Very prone to insect and disease problems, (although none are life threatening).

#### **Honeylocust**

Pros: Very tough, good shade tree.

Cons: Can be a little messy. Prone to mite damage and canker.



### **Catalpa** *Catalpa speciosa*

Pros: Very tough tree, drought tolerant. White flowers in June, unique large leaves.

Cons: Can be messy, some dieback occurs in smaller trees when freezing temperatures occur.

### **Purple Robe Black Locust** *Robinia pseudoacacia*

Pros: Drought tolerant, beautiful purple “chain-like” flowers.

Cons: Highly susceptible to borer attacks, needs to be sprayed twice a year when young.

### **Linden species**

Pros: Almost pest free. Great shade tree. pH tolerant. Fragrant flowers in late June.

Cons: Can be a little messy. Flowers attract bees. Leaves can scorch (tips of leaves dying) in late summer.

### **White Oak species** (Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, English Oak)

Pros: Strong branching, drought tolerant, great shade trees. Faster growing than other oak species.

Cons: Bur Oaks can be susceptible to insect problems (none are life threatening).

Swamp White Oaks can be prone to iron chlorosis\*.

### **Elm species**

Pros: Great shade trees, drought tolerant, pH tolerant.

Cons: Highly prone to insect problems. Elm leaf beetle, Elm leaf miner, Elm Flea beetle, Dutch elm disease. Prone to storm damage.

### **Crabapple species**

Pros: Drought tolerant and pH tolerant. Beautiful pink or white flowers in May.

Cons: Can be messy with fruit and flower debris. Some species prone to Fireblight.

For more information on other species of trees, visit [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) and click on “Departments” and then “Parks and Recreation” and look for the “Forestry” link. You can contact Kyle Sylvester, City Forester, at 303-655-2089 or [ksylvester@brightonco.gov](mailto:ksylvester@brightonco.gov) for any questions.

### **\*Iron chlorosis:** (Information from Colorado State University Extension)

“Chlorosis” means “lack of chlorophyll.” Iron chlorosis is a condition due to a lack of iron. Iron chlorosis causes a leaf to become yellow while the veins of the leaf remain green. In alkaline soils, such as soil found in Brighton, iron is present in a chemical form less usable by plants. Plants which have a high iron requirement or are less efficient at taking it up from soil, such as silver maple, red maple or certain oaks, often develop iron chlorosis. Local surface or well water sources can be alkaline. In that case, just watering a yard may partially negate your attempts to reduce soil pH. For more information on Iron Chlorosis and how to treat it, visit [www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2115.html](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2115.html).



*Insect Casing of the Ash/Lilac Borer of an Autumn Purple Ash*



*Autumn Blaze Maple that has Iron Chlorosis*

## Upcoming Events

City Special Events  
720-685-7339  
[www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov)

Sept. 25—Eco-Fair

Dec. 11—Festival of Lights

Performing Arts and Cultural Events at the Brighton Armory  
303-655-2026  
[www.BrightonArmory.org](http://www.BrightonArmory.org)

Sept. 12 - 4 p.m.  
Colorado Musician's Consortium presents “Southern Journey”

Oct. 1- 6 p.m. Art at the Armory Artists Reception, featuring Artists of Brighton

Oct. 10 - 4 p.m.  
Colorado Musician's Consortium presents “Phantom of the Opera Dark Duet”

Sat, Oct. 23 - 11a.m.  
ARMORY'S “FIRST” BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sun, Oct. 24 - 4 p.m.  
Fine Arts at Four presents After Midnight Swing Band

## Victim Advocates Needed

The Brighton Police Department Victim Assistance Program is seeking volunteer Victim Advocates. You can help to change the lives of others in your community who have been impacted by crime, violence and sudden trauma. Training is held every Spring and Fall. Our next training is scheduled to begin Sept. 28 - Oct. 28. Training will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of October. Please contact Rita Ashliman at 303-655-2354 for additional information as soon as possible or to obtain an application.



## Halloween Safety Tips

- ◆ Do not leave your home unattended.
- ◆ Instruct your children to never enter the home of a stranger.
- ◆ Instruct children not to stray from their group; children should never go out alone.
- ◆ Turn your porch light on to let children know it's all right to visit your home.
- ◆ Some masks restrict vision. Make sure children remove mask when crossing the street.
- ◆ Parents should inspect all candy given to their children.
- ◆ Always carry a flashlight and walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.
- ◆ Attach a reflector to costumes made of dark material.



## Help Keep Stormwater Clean

### Doo the Right Thing... Pick up after your pet



### Bag or Flush Dog Poop

#### CITY OF BRIGHTON STORMWATER PROGRAM



KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN

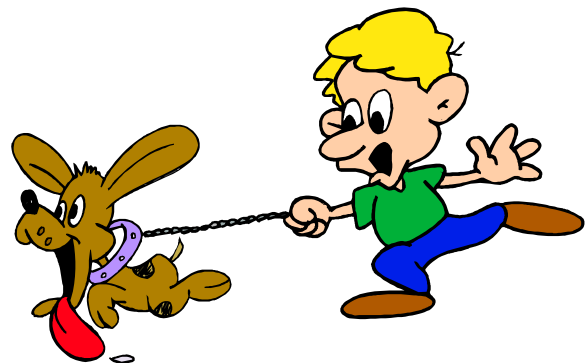
Call 303-655-2120 or email  
[Stormwater@brightonco.gov](mailto:Stormwater@brightonco.gov)  
to report dumping in storm  
sewers or waterways

## Micro Chip Your Pet

The Brighton Animal Shelter micro chips all animals that have been impounded at the City of Brighton Animal Shelter. This service will assist animal control to recognize your pet and insure your animal is able to return home.

Brighton and surrounding area residents are welcome to make an appointment to have their dogs and/or cats micro chipped with a Home Again chip. The fee for the implant is **\$20.00** which includes chip registration with the Home Again database.

The Home Again microchip implant is a great way to ensure your animal returns home when they become lost without a collar or tag. Shelters, humane societies and veterinary clinics can scan for the micro chip to identify an animal.



## Eco- Fair Coming September 25 - FREE

The Eco-Fair will feature information, film/video, art, music, food, science, recycling and fun activities for all ages. Save your **computers** (they will be recycled and possibly refurbished for giveaways to schools), **athletic shoes**-no cleats (they will be processed for the Nike recycle program that provides playground and track surfaces for low income areas), **eye glasses** will be donated to the Brighton Lions Club), and **cell phones** ( will be sent to the Cell Phones for Soldiers program).

"Green" product and information vendor booths, food booths, and a children's area featuring a bounce house, face painter, and toy exchange will be present as well. The Anythink Library will have their doors open and feature displays and speakers. The Armory will run environmental films inside and will feature entertainment on the outdoor stage.

# ecofair

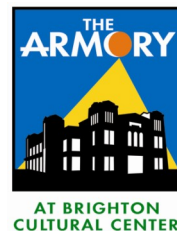
Understanding our relationship with the environment

**Saturday, September 25, 2010 11am - 5pm**

**Brighton Cultural Center 300 Strong Street**

## Upcoming Events at The Armory

**Sunday, Sept. 12 - 4 p.m., Colorado Musician's Consortium presents "Southern Journey"** *Work-calloused hands take up guitar and bass, banjo and fiddle, shake off the dust of the day's labor and fill the night air with song. Southern Journey captures a uniquely American experience as the musicians and singers gather together on the porch.*



**Sunday, Sept. 25 - 11 a.m., Eco-Fair** *Presented by the City of Brighton Special Events Division and the Armory*

**Friday, Oct 1 - 6 p.m., Art at the Armory Artists Reception, featuring Artists of Brighton FREE!** *Art, Conversation, and Live Entertainment on our Armory Stage!*

**Sunday, Oct. 10 - 4 p.m., Colorado Musician's Consortium presents "Phantom of the Opera Dark Duet"** *This one hour performance written by Marta Burton is inspired by Gaston Leroux's emotionally compelling novel Le Fantome de l'Opera. Nick Rossi (keyboards and vocals) lends his magnificent voice to the roles of both The Phantom and Raoul while Marta plays the mature Christine Daae seduced again by the memory of her year at the Paris Opera. It is a tale of seduction and surrender, power and manipulation, illusion and reality, darkness and light.*

**Saturday, Oct. 23 - 11 a.m., ARMORY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!** *Music, memories, and more! Please join us as we celebrate our first year of operation, and as we honor the rich history of the Armory as a gathering place for the Brighton community.*

**Sunday, Oct. 24 - 4 p.m., Fine Arts at Four presents After Midnight Swing Band** *Colorado's favorite hot jazz and swing band! Featuring music made famous by the likes of Glenn Miller, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Jelly Roll Morton, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, and more.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS, AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.BRIGHTONARMORY.ORG](http://WWW.BRIGHTONARMORY.ORG) OR CALL OUR EVENTS HOTLINE AT 303-655-2026.**



## September

## October

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1 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, 4:30 p.m., City Hall  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m.,  
Brighton Recreation Center

6 Labor Day/City Admin. Offices Closed

7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

9 Housing Authority, 5:30 p.m., City Hall  
Historic Preservation, 6 p.m., City Hall

14 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall  
City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall

15 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Study Session,  
4:30 p.m., City Hall

21 GID Meeting, 6:15 p.m., City Hall  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

25 Eco-Fair, Brighton Cultural Center, 300 Strong

28 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall  
City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall

5 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

6 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, 4:30 p.m., City Hall  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m.,  
Brighton Recreation Center

11-31 Recreation Center closed for maintenance

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4:30 p.m., City Hall

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City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall

## Senior Corner

## Brighton Senior Center Happenings – 575 Bush – 303-655-2075

## Annual Craft Fair

Attention Crafters...Shoppers

The Brighton Senior Center will be holding their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale on **Saturday, Nov. 6 from**

**8 a.m. – 2 p.m.** All items must be hand-made. Free admission to the event, table space is \$20. Call 303-655-2075 to find out more information.

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Are you raising your grandchildren? You are not alone. This support group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6:45 - 8 p.m. The group offers discussions and guest speakers that focus on issues affecting those who are raising children under the age of 18. Childcare is offered for children 4-12. The support group is sponsored by the Brighton Senior Center and the CSU Cooperative Extension Office. The topic for Sept. 16 will be "Helping Children Adjust to School" and the topic for Oct. 21 is "Handling Your Adult Relationships." Call Ernie at 303-655-2079 for information.



## Brighton Recreation Center CLOSED for Maintenance

The recreation center is changing its annual maintenance closure this year due to several large projects scheduled to be completed including: the replacement of the counter tops in the locker rooms and community rooms, new flooring in the locker rooms and community rooms, automation of the basketball goals in the gym and replacement of the slide stairs in the pool area.

**The community rooms will be closed from September 13 – 26 for HVAC replacement** (the recreation center which will be open for regular business). **The main closure will be from October 11 – 31.**

All quarterly and annual passes will be extended to reflect the extended shutdown.